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4. Roy Hogan
5. John Bird
6. Andy Linighan
7. Bobby Kerr
8. Alan Sweeney

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10. Keith Houchen
11. Alan Harding
12. Kevin Johnson

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Johnson (physio) Roy Hogan, Mike
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Alan Sweeney, Alan Harding, Kevin
Johnson.
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Hampton.
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Missing: Billy Newton.*

MEET THE REF.

Mr. TREL FORD MILLS (Barnsley)

To the referee with the most un-
usual Christian name in the League,
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welcome. Mr. Mills is no stranger at
the Victoria Ground and was in
charge of two of our matches here
last season, against Northampton
early on in the campaign and in
the derby encounter with neighbo-
urs Darlington at Easter.

Mr. Mills gained his refereeing ground-
ing in various leagues in the Barns-
ley and Sheffield areas, and then
used the springboard of the Central
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Editorial



THE highlight of the English football season, the F.A. Cup final, is nine months away. First and Second Division clubs don't enter the fray until the New Year. The likes of Hartlepool and Wigan won't be involved until November.

Yet even now, when summer holidays and cricket matches are still taking place, when the F. A. Cup should be the last thing in one's mind, the competition has already got under way.

Near neighbours Peterlee Newtown entertained South Bank last Saturday in a preliminary round tie, as the F.A. spreads the load of sorting out who from the 500-odd clubs entered from every part of the country should qualify to meet the 'big boys' in the season.

The preliminary round is just the start. Peterlee and South Bank started their game knowing that victory would not bring them automatic success. Four more qualifying rounds have to be negotiated before there is a chance of having a crack at a Football League club. Indeed, as Peterlee secretary George Ritchie pointed out: "It would take us 12 games to reach Wembley. Liverpool need only five!"

But doesn't it seem a bit of an anti-climax, playing in the F.A. Cup in the first week in September with the possibility of being knocked out before most people have even realised that you're involved?

"There's certainly no lack of atmosphere about any F.A. game, whenever it might be played," insisted Mr. Ritchie. "There's always a certain charisma in this competition, and I think all players are genuinely very excited about participating in what is perhaps the premier Cup competition in the world."

The magic of the F.A. Cup is often referred to, when Wembley Way is packed solid on Final day, when the enthusiasm of a town is whipped up by a good run from its local side, or when two bitter rivals are paired together.

Clearly though, that magic reaches far more widely than that, casting its spell right from the start on cramped minor League grounds where the chance of facing a club like Alliance Premier League Barrow (the privilege for which Peterlee and South Bank were fighting) is the kind of success which many would scoff at — but it's all part of the magic, just the same.

Our own thoughts at Hartlepool are understandably more concerned with Fourth Division fare at the moment, and with who will ultimately be successful in this sphere. Time will tell, and hopefully we will secure that promotion place which we almost made our own last year.

Personally, I can't see everyone's favourites, Sheffield United, making the step up, so ourselves apart, I plump for the three 'B's for promotion — Bury, Bournemouth and Blackpool.

Here's a plea from Jack Sudworth, commercial manager of today's visitors. Many of their supporters are eager to obtain copies of last season's Hartlepool v Wigan programme, which was a sell-out on the day, and Jack would be extremely grateful if anyone with a spare copy would send it to him c/o Springfield Park, Wigan, so that he can pass them on to deserving collectors.

— JAMES BOND

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BILLY HORNER'S VIEWPOINT

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IT was evident for all to see in our Group Cup games and especially against Colchester in our opening League match that there was a lack of goal power in the side.

Admittedly we were without Bob Newton at the time, but that alone is no real excuse.

We needed to buy players over the summer, when all our organisation for the season

should have been completed. But I was told that there was no money available for players, so I've just had to battle on.

Obviously George Smith, Willie Maddren and myself are always keen to improve the squad and the team, and we've all been on the look out for players who would fit into our plans who might cost a small fee or nothing at all.

Ironically enough, we've had four offers for first team players since the turn of the year, and cash raised from the sale of even one of them would have set us up nicely — but their transfers would not have been right at the time.

I was very pleased then when I received a phone call out of the blue recommending Leicester striker Mick Duffy to me. He travelled to the town off his own bat to play for the reserves for a while and see how things turned out, and I take it as a compliment that he should come up here specifically to play for Hartlepool United.

There was a fair amount of coverage in the local Press when John Linacre said he wanted to leave the club after a dispute over terms and when I consequently said that he would not be considered for team selection.

Unlike Bobby Kerr, who also went on to the transfer list at his own request, John told me he would not be happy playing in the first team, and under the circumstances it would have been foolish of me to pick him. He would not be able to play to the best of his ability with that sort of attitude in his head.

For a skilful player — which John certainly is — to be in that position seems strange to me. If someone wants to attract the attention of another club, the best way to advertise his talents is in the first team football and not being hidden away in the Reserves.

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THE only goal we had to show against Colchester two weeks ago was a late consolation from Alan Harding in our 3-1 defeat, but here Paul Staff shows that at least the team were making a very determined effort.

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1981/82

GROUP CUP

AUGUST		F.A.	Gate		F.A.	Gate
15	Rotherham United	0-1	H 2031	16	Mansfield Town	A
19	Bradford City	0-1	H 1,221	23	Colchester United (4)	A
22	Hull City	0-1	A 1,621	30	York City	H

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. 4

29	Colchester United	1-3	H 2,007
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SEPTEMBER

1	Northampton T.	0-2	A 1,480
5	Rochdale	1-2	A 1,481
12	Wigan Athletic		H
16	Northampton Town 2nd L		H
18	York City		A
22	Scunthorpe United		A
26	Halifax Town		H
30	Hull City		H

OCTOBER

3	Hereford United		A
7	League Cup 2(1L)		
10	Peterborough United		H
17	Sheffield United		A
20	Tranmere Rovers		A
24	Torquay United		H
28	League Cup 2 (2L)		
31	Aldershot		A

NOVEMBER

4	Crewe Alexandra		H
8	Bradford City		A
11	League Cup 3		
14	Northampton Town		A
21	F.A. Cup 1		
28	Port Vale		A

DECEMBER

2	League Cup 4		
5	A.F.C. Bournemouth		H
12	F.A. Cup 2		
19	Blackpool		H
26	Stockport County		A
28	Darlington		H

JANUARY, 1982

2	Bury (3)		A
9	Rochdale		H
13	League Cup 5		

FEBRUARY

3	League Cup SF 1		
6	Wigan Athletic		A
10	Scunthorpe U (LCSF 2)		H
13	Hereford United (5)		H
20	Hull City		A
27	Peterborough United		A

MARCH

6	Sheffield United (6)		H
10	Tranmere Rovers		H
13	Torquay United (LCF)		A
17	Crewe Alexandra		A
20	Aldershot		H
27	Bradford City		H

APRIL

3	Northampton Town (SF)		A
9			
10	Stockport County		H
12	Darlington		A
13			
17	A.F.C. Bournemouth		A
24	Port Vale		H

MAY

1	Halifax Town		A
5	Mansfield Town		A
8	Bury		H
15	Blackpool		A
22	F.A. Cup Final		



DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	3	2	1	0	7	1	1
Man. City	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Notts Co.	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Southampton	3	2	0	1	6	3	7
Stoke	3	2	0	1	6	3	7
Swansea	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Ipswich	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Brighton	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Everton	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Liverpool	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Nottm. Forest	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Birmingham	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
Leeds	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Sunderland	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Tottenham	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
West Brom.	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Arsenal	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Coventry	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Wolves	3	1	0	2	2	7	3
Aston Villa	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Man. Utd.	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Middlesbrough	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Grimsby	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Q.P.R.	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Chelsea	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Sheff. Wed.	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Barnsley	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
Leicester	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Watford	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Norwich	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
Cambridge	3	1	0	2	5	4	3
Rotherham	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Orient	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Charlton	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
C. Palace	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Blackburn	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Shrewsbury	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Derby	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
Oldham	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Cardiff	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Bolton	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Wrexham	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Newcastle	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newport	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Millwall	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Reading	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Oxford	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Swindon	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Exeter	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Brentford	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Gillingham	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Chesterfield	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Preston	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Burnley	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Southend	2	1	0	1	1	4	3
Bristol C.	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Chester	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Lincoln	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Carlisle	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Doncaster	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Fulham	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Huddersfield	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Portsmouth	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Walsall	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Bristol R.	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Plymouth	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Wimbledon	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colchester	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
York	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Bournemouth	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Torquay	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Hereford	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Blackpool	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Sheff. Utd.	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Peterborough	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Stockport	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Bury	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Hull	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Rochdale	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Scunthorpe	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Darlington	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Halifax	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Port Vale	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Bradford	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Wigan	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Northampton	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Aldershot	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Hartlepool	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Mansfield	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Crewe	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Tranmere	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES

15 Aug.				9 Jan.		
22	Rotherham United	H	1-1	16	Middlesbrough	H
29	Chesterfield	A	2-1	23		
5 Sept.	Leeds United	H	0-0	30	Sheffield Wednesday	A
12	Hull City	A		6 Feb.	Darlington	H
19	Lincoln City	H		13	Middlesbrough	A
26	League Cup Sheff. Utd	H		20	Newcastle United	A
3 Oct.	Barnsley	H		27	Huddersfield Town	H
10	League Cup Darlington	A		6 March	Leeds United	A
17	Doncaster Rovers	A		13	Sunderland	A
24	Grimsby Town	H		20	Doncaster Rovers	H
31	York City	H		27	Sheffield United	A
7 Nov.	Huddersfield Town	A		3 April	Rotherham United	A
10	Darlington	A		10		
14	Sheffield Wednesday	H		12	EASTER MONDAY	
21	Grimsby Town	A		17	Sunderland	H
28	Chesterfield	H		24	Barnsley	A
5 Dec.	Lincoln City	A		1 May		
12	Hull City	H		8		
19	Sheffield United			15		
26	York City	A		22		
2 Jan.	Newcastle United	H				

WEARSIDE LEAGUE (Hartlepool Utd. Reserves)

15 Aug	Annfield Plain	A	1-1	23	Blue Star	H
19	Wingate	A	2-1	26	Chester-le-Street	A
22	Soldon	A	3-2	3 Oct	Eppleton	H
26	Murton	A	3-3	10	Blue Star	A
29	Brandon	A	3-3	14	Ryhope	H
31	Roker	H	1-2	17	Anfield Plain	H
2 Sep	Stockton	A	5-0	21	Washington	H
5	Brandon	H	2-1	31		
9	Eppleton	A		7 Nov	Monkwearmouth Cup 2	
12	Chester-le-St (Ship A)	A		14		
16	Easington	A		21	Shipowners Cup 2	
19	Heaton Stannington	H		28	Whickham	H

TEN YEARS AGO — After a 6-0 drubbing at Brentford, we could do little to redeem ourselves in front of our own supporters. In a 3-1 home defeat by former League friends and rivals Workington, we couldn't even score OUR goal, leaving it to visiting Brian Wood to put the ball into his own net. Hartlepool (11.9.71): Gadsby, White, Ashurst, Goad (Parry), Green, Potter, Welsh, Veart, Ellis, Young, Warnock. Wood, incidentally, scored one for Workington as well. Ted MacDougall scored three of his 47 goals that season in Bournemouth's 4-1 win over Rochdale.

FIVE YEARS AGO — Coincidentally, our opponents five years ago were also Workington, and this time we managed a 1-1 draw at their Borough Park to lift us off bottom place. Triallist John Harvey was our scorer. Hartlepool (11.9.76): Edgar, Goad, Luckett, Veitch, Scott, Rowlands, Spelman, Johnson, Elliott (Scaife), Harley, Prudham. At the time, Workington were nicely placed in mid-table, but they fell away to finish bottom of the division, failing to gain re-election at the end of the season.

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Jack Smith and his wife, Jan



PEOPLE turn up in the oddest places! I recently came across Jack Smith, a popular striker with Hartlepool in the 1950's and a man who has built up a wealth of football knowledge, enthusiastically running a new restaurant in Broadstairs, a sleepy seaside town in Kent.

That seems a long way from where he burst onto the Third Division North scene as a bustling young forward and became a regular part of the Pool's first team.

Ironically, Jack might never have become the goalscorer he did. "As a young lad, I started as a goalkeeper," he recalled, "and was about to play for Lister Street School against Tech. 'A' one day when the centre forward went down injured. I took over and scored five goals.

"Later on I played for Seaton Holy Trinity in a local final at the Victoria Ground, where a Sunderland scout spotted me. I signed on for their 'B' team for a while, but then joined Hartlepool as a part-time pro.

"I remember that in my first season in the Reserves, 1951-52, I scored 40 goals and reached that total by scoring all five against Consett in the very last match."

Jack made his debut for the first team against Accrington in 1952-53 and stayed there for seven years, playing with the likes of Leo Harden (the 'Flying Dustman'), Ken Johnson, Joe Rayment, Frank Stamper, Wattie Moore — all local players. "They were very happy days. We all enjoyed ourselves so much," Jack told me. "In fact, I think it's a great shame that today's game is taken so seriously. They've taken away the Frankie Stammers and the Tommy McGuigans. People have forgotten how to laugh."

Jack then spent ten more years playing in the South before starting off on what he hoped might lead to big-time management, with a post as player-boss with Southern League Ramsgate. The club won promotion in his first season. After that followed coaching and scouting jobs at Bath, Swindon, Fulham and Portsmouth — "but at 45 I realised I was too old to get into Football League management, so I jumped at the chance when this restaurant came up."

However, he still admits to keeping an eye open for any part-time non-League jobs that may become vacant — but in the meantime, and Hartlepoolians holidaying in Kent are assured of a grand welcome at 'Jan's Pantry.'

— JAMES BOND

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Wigan Athletic finished in the top half of the table last season, in 11th position, but this was their lowest final spot since they joined the League in 1978. We completed the double over them, scoring a marvelous 3-0 victory in Lancashire on the opening day of the season and following that up with a 3-1 home win while our promotion form was very strong. They fell to Chesterfield in a first round replay in the F.A. Cup, but went one better in the League Cup, beating Crewe 4-3 on aggregate but then losing 3-1 over two legs to Preston North End.

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JOHN BROWN (Goalkeeper) "Served his time" at Preston, and then had one season at Stockport before joining Wigan, for whom he had been a most reliable 'keeper at both non-League and Football League levels. Player of the Year in 1979-80 he has over 200 Football League appearances to his credit.

JOHN McMAHON (Full Back) Acquired from Crewe during the close season. His experience with Preston and other League clubs has brought a tighter look to Wigan's back four. Has well over 300 League appearances to his credit.

LARRY LLOYD (Central defender) Appointed in the second half of last season as player/manager, this battle-hardened English international has already brought a more professional approach to the play of the side under his control. A fierce competitor with over 400 Football League games under his belt and a wealth of experience acquired with Bristol Rovers, Liverpool, Coventry City and Nottingham Forest.

COLIN METHVEN (Central defender) Former manager Ian McNeill's deep knowledge of Scottish football enabled him to search out of this strong, positive player who became Wigan's record signing at £30,000 from East Fife in October, 1979. Took over as captain, and is another key figure in the defence.

NEIL DAVIDS (Defender) Made his League debut with Norwich, and came to Wigan via Northampton, Stockport and Swansea.

ALEX CRIBLEY (Midfield) Experienced Liverpool reserve who joined Wigan at the end of October 1980 and then played in every game to the end of the season. A determined customer, equally at home in the back four as he is in defence. Very popular with Wigan fans.

CLIVE EVANS (Midfield) Signed for a sizeable fee in the close season from Tranmere, having already completed over 150 Football League appearances and scored more than 30 goals for Rovers.

KEVIN SHELTON (Winger) Signed from Stoke during the summer, Kevin is expected to give the side width in attack.

MIKE QUINN (Forward) After battling his way through the Athletic Youth XI and the Reserves, made his mark as the club's leading scorer last season. He has gone from strength to strength, particularly in pre-season games when he notched double figures against a variety of opposition from non-League to First Division levels. If he can maintain momentum, this strong, bustling youngster is sure to attract the interest of clubs higher up in the league.

LES BRADD (Forward) A player of vast experience, with 500-plus League appearances and more than 150 goals. Les is expected to bring all the knowledge acquired at Rotherham, Notts County and Stockport to the Wigan attack. Capable also of quality performances at the back of the defence, he could prove to be the shrewdest of manager Larry Lloyd's close-season signings.

PETER HOUGHTON (Forward) After showing a great deal of promise in Wigan's first two years in the Fourth Division, he struggled last season against a series of niggling injuries and inconsistent form. But towards the end, he recovered his composure, his goal touch returned and, supported by Quinn and Bradd, he should be back among the goals this time round.

GRAHAM BARROW (Forward) Signed from Alliance Premier League champions Altrincham.

WIGAN ATHLETIC



BACK ROW -

Clive Evans, Les Bradd, Neil Davids, Graham Barrow, John Brown, Bob Ward, Colin Methven, Mike Quinn, Peter Houghton, Alex Cribbley.

FRONT ROW -

Fred Eyre (Asst. Manager), Kevin Sheldon, Mark Wignall, David Glenn, Larry Lloyd (Manager), Steve McAdam, John McMahon, Jeff Wright, Kenny Banks (Trainer).

Visitors' History

A replay more tense than any of their big Cup matches saw Wigan Athletic elected to the Fourth Division in 1978. At the Football League's A.G.M., Wigan tied with Southport on a first ballot, but after a nail-biting second count found themselves admitted to the elite membership of the '92' League fare was a new experience for Wigan Athletic, but not for their Springfield Park Ground. In company with Hartlepool United, Wigan BOROUGH were original members of the Third Division North in 1921, but after ten years of moderately successful competition they relinquished their place in the competition in October 1931 and immediately disbanded. From the ashes sprang a new club, Athletic, and it is only recently that the town has been given a second chance in the League. Elected from the Northern Prem, they were previously members of the Cheshire League and the Lancashire Combination. The record transfer fee received by the club, incidentally, was the £135 000 Sunderland paid in February 1980 to bring Joe Hinningan to the North East.

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